1. Nat is left a very strange gift by his Aunt Eleanor, a room full of old books. Nat, who has not yet learned to read is disheartened and tells dad to sell them. But it’s not until he meets the magical characters in Aunt Eleanor’s library that he is able to understand the greatness of this gift: the ability to dream forever. Nat’s favorite seems to be Alice. He is mesmerized by her presence and wants to make sure she does not disappear forever. What is your favorite story or traditional tale? Imagine you could meet a character from this story or tale, who would it be, and what would you say? Write or draw your encounter.

2. Characters from classic storybooks appear in front of Nat to salute, welcome, and thank him for keeping the dream of storytelling alive. How many of these characters were you familiar with? Circle all that apply.

Mowgly    Alice    Little Red Riding Hood    Big Bad Wolf    Puss in Boots
King Arthur    Cinderella    Aladdin    Merlin the Magician
Peter Pan    Jack    Carabosse    Pinocchio    Ogre    Captain Hook
Nat’s sister, Angelica, also thinks that Aunt Eleanor’s gifts are a bit of a let down. She does not pay much attention to the porcelain doll she was gifted until she is able to remember her aunt’s words, “Dolls are like people, their treasure is hidden inside.” Both Nat and Angelica found their lost connection to each other thanks to Aunt Eleanor’s gifts. Above everything, Nat found the self-confidence needed to read the magic spell that saved the magic of storytelling. Could you connect the dots to reveal the magic spell and give a prolonged life to all the characters from the books you own or have read?

JUST BECAUSE

IT’S A STORY,

DOESN’T MEAN

IT’S NOT

REAL